IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl.Misc. No.25525-M of 2007
Date of Decision:- 26.04.2007

Anju Bala & anr. ....Petitioner(s)

through
Mr.D.R.Singla, Advocate

vs.

State of Punjab & ors. ....Respondent(s)

through
Mr.Rajesh Bhardwaj, DAG, Punjab.

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CORAM:-HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SURYA KANT.

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1) Whether Reporters of the local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2) To be referred to the Reporters or not?
3) Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

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SURYA KANT, J.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3 only at this stage.

Mr.Rajesh Bhardwaj, learned DAG, Punjab accepts notice.

In view of the vague and wild allegations made against respondent Nos.4 and 5, no need to issue notice of motion to them at this stage.

The petitioners, claim to have born on 19.7.1986 and 25.1.1985 respectively and are, thus, major. They further assert that they having developed liking for each other, solemnized the marriage on 23.4.2007. It is further contended that since the above-stated marriage has been performed against the wishes of parents of petitioner No.1, the petitioners are apprehending their involvement in registration of some false criminal case at the instance of respondent Nos.4 and 5.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties and having regard

to the plea taken by the petitioners that they have married each other and are living as husband and wife, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the SHO, Police Station, Sadar Barnala to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners merely for the reason that they have got married to each other. However, if an F.I.R. has been registered against petitioner No.2 or any other person, the Investigating Officer may continue with the investigation but the petitioners, in the event of their arrest, shall be released on bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating Officer. The petitioners shall be at liberty to produce all the documents/certificates to show that they are major and have performed the marriage.

April 26, 2007 **(SURYA KANT)**
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